

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

DISASTER MANAGEMENT e-GOV OVERVIEW:

The Disaster Management e-Gov initiative is part of the President's Management Agenda for making government more focused on people and results. Its goal is to provide an easy-to-use, unified point of access to disaster management knowledge, services and toolsets to achieve an accelerated and improved quality of disaster mitigation and response.

There are two major parts of the initiative: Disaster Management Interoperability Services (DMI-S) and the Disasterhelp.gov portal. DMI-S is focused on the responder/emergency management profession, while the portal provides information and services to citizens, business, federal, state and local government and non-profit organizations relating to disaster and emergency response. The initiative is a collaborative effort of federal agencies including the Department of Homeland Security, the Environmental Protection Agency, General Services Administration and the Departments of Health and Human Services, Agriculture, Defense, Transportation, Justice, Interior, and Commerce, along with 41 private industry organizations.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT e-GOV GOALS:

- Provide a consolidated source of disaster-related information and services (www.disasterhelp.gov)
- Provide access to basic tool suites, such as DMI-S, that will increase the situational awareness and enhance planning capabilities of the response community before, during, and after an incident.
- Establish an information interoperability infrastructure

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DMI-SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

WHAT IS IT?

DMI-S is secure environment with controlled access to a basic set of tools designed to give the emergency response community situational awareness and the capability of real-time information sharing during an incident.

WHO IS IT FOR?

DMI-S is available for all verified members of the responders/emergency management community with current emphasis on state and local organizations, and those who cannot afford digital tools.

WHAT WILL IT DO FOR ME?

DMI-S provides a secure environment where geographically dispersed people and organizations can communicate and share information before, during and after an incident. Verified members of responder organizations have access to situational awareness services (defined below), private instant message/chat, open source intelligence reports, and Standard Equipment List. DMI-S works both on and off-line. It uses the Internet but is not browser-based. If connectivity is lost, responders can continue working until connectivity is regained and information is then synchronized.

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS SERVICES:

National Map- Provides capability for responder organizations to feed summary incident information to a map display that can be shared.

Weather- Provides responders with 48-hour, hour-by-hour forecast by zip code of "responder tailored weather information"

Web Map Services (WMS) Import- Provides responders a capability to capitalize upon GIS data in WMS format. WMS data can be downloaded and displayed (geo-located) in DMI-S map tool.

Specific Needs Request- Provides responders with the capability to request assistance/resources from other organizations and track their response and delivery.